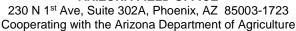
ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, small grain harvest was underway in Arizona, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Sixty-two percent of the barley crop has matured compared with 45 percent last year, and 16 percent has been harvested compared with 2 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Forty-two percent of durum wheat has matured compared with 37 percent last year, and 5 percent has been harvested compared with 1 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting was 84 percent complete compared to 79 percent last year. Sixty-eight percent of the cotton planted has emerged compared with 59 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and celery, and western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and watermelons. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, there is still significant drought and the threat of fire is high. Producers have been hauling water and feeding livestock. Hot and windy days in the last week have made for very poor conditions. In the North Central part of the State, water tanks are depleted as is soil moisture, while continuing winds only exacerbate the drought conditions, and are also affecting forage conditions. In the Northwestern part of the State, ranchers are feeding hay and supplements to maintain herds. Spring winds have caused additional drying affecting forage conditions and tank water is practically non-existent. In the Southeastern part of the State, crop and rangeland conditions are still extremely dry. For the week ending on May 13th, no significant precipitation was reported during the week. All but 3 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 108 degrees at Bullhead City and Mohave and the lowest was 32 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley						
Mature	62	44	45	NA		
Harvested	16	NA	2	NA		
Cotton						
Planted	84	71	79	88		
Emerged	68	50	59	NA		
Durum wheat						
Mature	42	38	37	NA		
Harvested	5	NA	1	NA		

NA - not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	3		NA
Short	25	16	10	NA
Adequate	70	78	85	NA
Surplus		3	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	3		NA
Short	27	18	4	NA
Adequate	68	76	96	NA
Surplus		3		NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	* /		,	* /
Very poor			2	3
Poor	1	1	4	2
Fair	14	13	29	18
Good	61	60	36	40
Excellent	24	26	29	37
Barley				
Very poor			2	1
Poor	5	3	2	1
Fair	43	39	11	23
Good	39	38	59	47
Excellent	13	20	26	28
Cotton		NT A		NIA
Very poor		NA NA		NA NA
Poor		NA NA		NA
Fair	70	NA NA	1	NA NA
Good	30	NA NA	96	NA NA
Excellent		NA	3	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor				
Poor	2	1		1
Fair	27	22	7	12
Good	36	33	78	59
Excellent	35	44	15	28
Pasture and range				
Very poor	62	53	10	20
Poor	38	42	5	17
Fair		4	18	28
Good		1	44	29
Excellent			23	6

NA – not available

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Arizona/Publications/Crop Progress & Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-05132018.pdf

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